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BERNABE IS READY TO LEAVE.

Sagasta Makes a Patriotic Speech at the Opening Session of the Cortes—The Powers Cease All Talk of Interference.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Spain will not receive official notification of the demands of the United States before tonight. She then will be informed that the Cuban resolutions passed by congress yesterday are now a part of the laws of the United States, and an ultimatum will be sent demanding compliance with this law and an answer within a short time, probably 24 hours. Compliance is not expected, and a forward movement on Cuba will commence the latter part of this week, according to the plans of the administration.

Two cabinet meetings were held yesterday—the first beginning at 11 and lasting nearly two hours and the second lasting from 3 until 5:30 o'clock. At their close announcement that executive action was delayed until today was made. Both cabinet sessions were devoted principally to discussion of the ultimatum to be sent to Madrid. At the morning session the president rather favored allowing the Madrid government two or even three days in which to reply to our demands, but since that time he has changed his views somewhat, and it is now believed to be his purpose to require an answer within a very short time, probably within 24 hours. The reason for limiting the time to one day or even less is said to be entirely strategic, otherwise two or even three days would have been allowed.

The ultimatum itself, it is believed, will be short and to the point. It will recite the main features of the resolutions passed by congress and demand a compliance therewith. It probably will not be made public here until notice is received that it is in the hands of the Spanish government, diplomatic etiquette requiring this.

The Cuban resolution passed by congress arrived at the White House at 1:15 o'clock, a little over an hour having been consumed in the formalities of securing the signatures of Speaker Reed and Vice President Hobart to the resolution in open session and its delivery at the White House by Representative Hager of Iowa, chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, and Representative Overstreet of Indiana. It was expected that the resolution would be signed as soon as it reached the president, and this was Mr. McKinley's inclination, but for certain state reasons it was deemed advisable that the resolution and the ultimatum to Spain be signed simultaneously, and time was needed to draft the ultimatum in diplomatic form.

The fact that the resolution was not immediately signed gave rise to a few disquieting reports, but it soon appeared from statements of cabinet officers that the president had not the slightest intention of withholding his signature and that the delay in attaching it was accounted for solely by his desire to have a full and complete plan of operations for the government of the executive in the immediate future before taking the final and important step of turning the joint resolution into a statute. Just what this plan shall be was the occasion for the two cabinet meetings yesterday.

The first session, in anticipation of the reception of the resolution, was devoted largely to questions of finance and military policy, as well as the framing of the ultimatum itself. So far as can be gathered the important point at issue in regard to the ultimatum was the question of time to be allowed for a response on the part of Spain. The steady progress of military and naval preparations indicated the conviction on the part of the administration that a peaceful solution of existing difficulties is not probable.

As to the course of events in the immediate future, the only prediction that can be made is one based on precedents. According to these, Minister Woodford will notify the Spanish government of the action of the government of the United States, and, should the Spanish answer be unsatisfactory, as is expected, the next step in order will be for him to ask for his passports and leave Madrid. That would be followed instantly by the withdrawal from Washington of Senor Polo, the Spanish minister.

At this point it can be said that the state department officials are confident that the Spanish government will so shape every phase of the negotiations as to oblige us to take the initiative at every point. After the withdrawal of the minister and assuming Spain does not back down, actual war will follow, but whether or not the first overt act will be preceded by a formal declaration of war, which would insure the immediate neutralization of the powers, or whether the north Atlantic squadron will make its appearance off Havana as a beginning cannot yet be predicted.

In this connection it may be stated that the army and navy experts are beginning to take a less hasty view

of an easy and quick campaign than they entertained a short time ago. Months are now mentioned instead of weeks as the probable length of hostilities, and one eminent naval officer who had experience in the late war professes a belief that unless outside pressure is brought to bear a war may easily drag along for a year under the existing conditions.

Apparently the powers have abandoned open efforts in Washington to influence the course of our government. Matters were very quiet at all legations yesterday, and no instructions were received by any of the ambassadors or ministers in the line of mediation.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Only National Guardsmen to Answer First Call For Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Military and naval preparations continued yesterday with unabated vigor. Seven fleet steam yachts suitable for navigation in Cuban waters were procured, and several bids for steam colliers were made. Arrangements are being made to utilize a number of powerful converted smooth bore guns, survivors of the late war, as armament for the auxiliary cruisers. Many agents for ship owners were at the navy department yesterday offering to sell craft to the government, but where the vessels are suitable the prices are said to be excessive, and no purchases were made.

The authoritative statement was made at the war department yesterday that on the first call for troops only the national guard will be given an opportunity to volunteer for service in the war. This statement is in accordance with those made by Secretary Alger to the national guardsmen who called upon him at the war department on Saturday when the modified Hull bill for the expansion of the army in time of war was under consideration. Secretary Alger thinks that such a course is in keeping with sound discretion and the dictates of common sense, for the organized militia have gone to great expense and have devoted much time to perfecting themselves for military duty. Any other course he believes would be destructive to the best interests of the guard. As far as practicable the state organizations entering the volunteer service will remain intact, the governors of the various states being permitted, as they were in 1861, to designate the regimental officers, which will include those of the grades of second lieutenant to colonel. The president will reserve to himself the right to appoint the staff and field officers. Many applications have been made to the war department for permission to volunteer, and among men of all creeds, nationalities, and politics there is an expressed intention and desire to uphold the honor and the integrity of the flag of the republic.

It was stated yesterday that the first call for troops would be for 80,000 men, which, it is believed, will exhaust the entire available strength of the national guard at this time after deducting those who are sick and otherwise incapacitated for immediate service. The total strength of the guard as reported to the war department is 113,764 men.

Secretary Alger made several additional allotments from the emergency fund for the war department yesterday. One million dollars was given for the quartermaster's department, chiefly to meet extraordinary expenses in the transportation of troops and munitions of war; \$15,000 for work with balloons and \$60,000 for perfecting the army telegraphic service. General Greely, the chief signal officer, is a staunch advocate of the use of balloons at the various ports of the country and in regular field service. A great deal of indignation has been expressed by naval officers over the cold-blooded attempt of persons owning vessels or acting as their agents to extort from the government sums of money largely in excess of the value of their craft. The same complaint is also made as to many kinds of military and naval supplies, although it is gratifying to note that in a few exceptional cases the tube making and boiler making firms and some ammunition and gun making people every disposition has been shown to give the government the best terms in price and time of delivery.

The navy department has arranged to place some light armor on the four vessels acquired from the Morgan line—the Prairie, Yosemite, Yankee, and Dixie. The Carnegie company has undertaken to roll immediately light steel plate $\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick. Two layers of this plate will be placed around the boilers and engine rooms of the ships, making about 250 tons of armor in each case. This will be sufficient at least to repel the fire of machine guns and perhaps to keep out the murderous six pounder shells.

SAGASTA'S SPEECH.
Calls the Cortes to Back Him Up In Resisting American Aggression.

MADRID, via Paris, April 20.—The supporters of the government in both houses of parliament met in the senate chamber at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Senor Sagasta, the premier, addressed them as follows:

"The times are so grave and the circumstances are so exceptional that acts and words are necessary to face the present difficulty. Attempts are being made to sully the glorious history of Spain by an infamous calumny. The different Spanish governments have done their utmost to avert the war to which we are being provoked.

"We have now reached the limits of concession compatible with honor and territorial integrity. We consented to the last concession at the instance of the pope and the powers. We yielded, in fact, but now attempts are made upon our honor and menaces directed against our territory. That is a thing to which Spaniards will never consent."

"This is not the moment to trace a parliamentary programme, but the moment to unite ourselves as our fathers have done in the face of an odious attempt against the integrity of our territory. The insult offered us today is the most infamous that has ever been offered."

Continuing, Senor Sagasta counseled the rapid constitution of the chambers in order to accord to the government the means to defend the country's interests. "Spain," he added, "will not allow a parcel of her territory to be taken from her with impunity, nor will she be a party to any trafficking for her possessions."

Prolonged and enthusiastic cheers greeted the speech.

READY TO LEAVE.

Spanish Minister Will Start For Home Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The Spanish minister, Senor Polo y Bernabe, has made his final preparations for departure and is calmly awaiting notification that the president has affixed his signature to the Cuban resolution, at which time the minister will take his leave. He had expected this would come yesterday, and every arrangement had been made with that in view. He will not move precipitately, however, as the transfer of the legation archives and effects to the French embassy must first be accomplished, and, moreover, there is felt to be no disposition on the part of the authorities here to unduly hasten the movements of the minister.

Whether the state department will send Senor Polo his passports or he will ask for them is felt to be an immaterial detail. He intends to go without reference to these formalities, and there is every reason to believe the state department will afford him the protection of passports and any further attentions usual in the enforced departure of a minister on the breaking out of war. The entire staff of the legation will accompany the minister. Their exact movements after leaving Washington are not made known, except that they will return to Spain at the earliest possible moment. It would be no surprise if the minister and his staff went by way of Canada instead of New York, taking one of the Atlantic liners from Halifax.

Although of sturdy physique, the Spanish minister shows signs of the intense strain and anxiety put upon him during the last few days. He saw a number of friends yesterday—namely, the diplomatic corps—and to them expressed the view that all hope of a peaceful settlement appeared to be at an end and that Spain now left with the United States the responsibility of war. Being convinced that all hope of peace was over, the minister's personal views was that the remaining formalities might be dispatched as speedily as possible.

DISPLEASED WITH SAGASTA.

Adherents of Romero Robledo Urge the Formation of a National Government.

LONDON, April 20.—The Madrid correspondent of The Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday, says: "There is great excitement in all political circles. It is considered certain that the Republicans and Carlists will ask the government to give them an opportunity of discussing their policy, but no one will oppose a grant of all the powers necessary for war, since such action would entail public unpopularity."

"The adherents of Senor Romero Robledo are affirming that Senor Sagasta has completely failed in his mission, since he took power with the object of pacifying Cuba and averting international conflict. They declare that there have been no results of his efforts, and they advocate the formation of a national government the moment war breaks out."

A NEW WAY OUT.

Reported That Spain Would Like to Cede Cuba to the Pope.

PARIS, April 20.—The Figaro's Rome correspondent says:

"The Vatican was approached yesterday by a representative of a European power in regard to a proposition which might yet avert a conflict between Spain and the United States.

"Spain is to offer Cuba to the Pope—just as Austria ceded Venice to Napoleon III, and the pope would be able to declare the independence of Cuba.

"Thus the amanu proprie of the Spaniards would be safeguarded, and a disastrous war, which might compromise Spain's possession of her other colonies, would be avoided.

"The pope gave a favorable reception to the proposition, but declared he could not take the initiative. However, the idea has been submitted, and the pope has not rejected it."

Cornell Men Patriotic.

ITHACA, N. Y., April 20.—Cornell students had their patriotism stirred up to a high pitch yesterday when J. J. Bryant of Chicago telephoned his son, a student here, to get the Illinois boys together and pass resolutions offering their services to Uncle Sam. Bulletins were at once printed and distributed about the campus calling Illinois delegates together. Last night some 75 loyal sons of the west assembled at Sigma Phi House, across from the Cornell armory. The above mentioned resolutions were passed and telegraphed to the governor of Illinois. The student body showed loyalty in other ways. A number of seniors are circulating petitions asking the faculty for degrees in case they enlist before June. Professor R. H. Thurston, director of Sibley college here, who was on board the Monitor in its famous battle with the Merrimac, has decided to offer his services to the government.

Captain Schuyler, instructor in military science, received orders at 9:30 o'clock last night to join his company immediately. The students were in readiness to escort him to the train, and the greatest demonstration Ithaca has as yet seen took place. Fully 1,200 students were in the streets.

The Smallpox Epidemic.

PEABODY, Mass., April 20.—Dennis Dulieu, 3d, an unmarried man and a shoemaker of this place, committed suicide by shooting yesterday in a small cabin near here. The reason for his act is not known. The police and medical examiner have taken up the case and are investigating.

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11 Chicago Ex.	4:45 A.M.	
12 New York S.	6:01 A.M.	
13 Binghamton S.	6:15 A.M.	
14 Orange Co. Ex. G.M.	7:18 A.M.	7:18 A.M.
15 Mountain R. T.	8:22 A.M.	8:22 A.M.
16 Del. Val. Ex. (M.P.G.)	10:45 A.M.	
17 W. Mass. (G. except Sat.)	12:55 P.M.	
18 C. & G. T. Ex.	1:45 P.M.	
19 C. & St. L. Limited.	5:00 P.M.	
20 P. J. Local T.	7:00 P.M.	
21 14 Wells Fargo Express.	10:45 P.M.	
22 P. J. Local (Sun only)	10:50 P.M.	
23 Milk (Sunday only).	10:55 P.M.	
24 Milk (Sunday only).	11:00 P.M.	

GOING WEST.

No.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta.
25 Milk	6:45 A.M.	
26 Port Jervis Way	10:55 A.M.	10:55 A.M.
27 Day Express	11:05 A.M.	
28 New York Express	1:04 P.M.	1:04 P.M.
29 Port Jervis Exp.	2:40 P.M.	2:40 P.M.
30 C. & St. L. Exp.	4:15 P.M.	4:15 P.M.
31 Mountain Exp.	5:45 P.M.	5:45 P.M.
32 Orange Co. Exp.	6:45 P.M.	6:45 P.M.
33 C. & G. T. Exp.	7:45 P.M.	7:45 P.M.
34 Way	8:15 P.M.	
35 G. Way (Sun only)	11:15 P.M.	
36 Sunday Local.	10:55 P.M.	
37 P. J. Way (Sun only)	11:00 P.M.	
38 Milk (Sunday only).	11:05 P.M.	

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Crawford Branch.

No.	Leave for James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta.
39	Leave for James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta.
40	Pine Bush Mail.	11:45 A.M.
41	Sun. only.	11:00 P.M.

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42	8:00 P.M.

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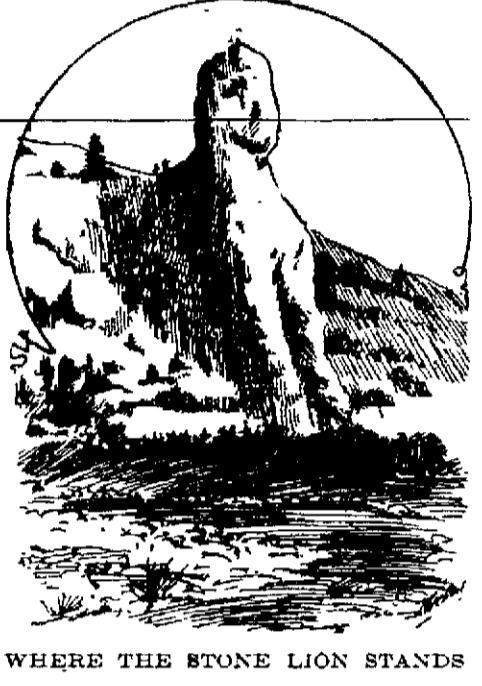


STONE MOUNTAIN LION.

STRIKING MONUMENT Erected by Nature in New Mexico.

In the mountainous valley of the Santa Fe river in New Mexico there stands a huge rock known in the country around as "The Monument." It towers hundreds of feet above the bottom of the valley and even lifts its head far upward from the top of the ridge upon which it rests. A person going up the valley is struck with its striking resemblance to some huge animal not unlike an Egyptian sphinx, standing upright and gazing out across the valley to the mountains opposite.

But it is not sphinx; the Indians who once owned the country have their



WHERE THE STONE LION STANDS

own explanation as to how it came there. Far back in the time of their grandfathers the mountain lion, who was one of their gods, came out of the west, running toward the rising sun. For days and days he ran, and every time his feet struck the earth they left forests were uprooted before him.

And at last when he had run for many days he stopped to rest, curling his hind legs under him and nodding just as any giant cat would do. He was so tired that he slept a long time, and while he was sleeping along came the greatest of all Indian hunters and shot him with his bow and flint-tipped arrow. His blood flowed in such quantities that it wore the deep valley in the plain where the Santa Fe river now runs. Being a god, the great mountain lion did not fall down, and by and by he turned to stone, and now he stands guard over the valley. And the fur on his legs and sides is now the shaggy chaparral.

A man standing on the neck of the stone lion is hardly more than a speck, and the head of the great creature towers bold and forbidding, scores of feet above him. Only one person ever climbed to the summit. That was a little Mexican shepherd named Juan Gonzales, who was watching his flocks near the base of the stone lion. One day he clambered up the steep sides to the very top, but when he started down he found himself slipping and slipping, and it was only by an effort that he could dig his toes into a crevice and hold fast. For a time he shouted for help, and he was fast growing weak when some neighboring ranchers saw him and came with ropes and poles and got him safely down. Since that time no one has tried the dangerous ascent.—Chicago Record.

Pat Had a Suspicion.

Pat wanted to go from Washington to Norfolk, and excited the sympathy of a ship master, who agreed to let him work his passage. Pat was densely ignorant of maritime affairs, but, while going down Chesapeake bay, with a fair wind and plenty of sea-room, he was put on the lookout. He had not been there ten minutes, when he sang out: "Ah, captain, there's something out here foreinest the boat!" "What is it?" asked the captain, as the lights of an approaching steamer became visible. "I really can't say, sir," replied Pat; "but I suspect it's a drug store. There's a red and a green light!" He was immediately removed and ordered to go down and help the cook.

Entered School at Fifty.

In Nebraska there is a man aged 52 who is going to school with his younger children. He is not by any means illiterate, having a fair education gained in his youth, but he says that he desires to be up with the times, so has entered school again. It is a humorous sight to a stranger, but the teacher and the other small pupils take it with perfect gravity.

The Princess Loves Flowers. The princess of Wales is never content unless her rooms are one mass of flowers, so much does she love them. Every table in her rooms bears its mass of bloom, and the palms and greenery at Sandringham are a wonder to behold. She always wears a knot of violet or some other small flower tucked into her belt.

ANIMALS AS MODELS.

Experiences of an Artist in Sketching from Life.

"Leaves from the Sketch-Book of an Animal-Artist," is an article by Merritt Nugent in St. Nicholas. Mr. Nugent says:

There was an elephant in the Jardines-Plantes that would not pose unless he were paid for it, and paid in advance. Then he took payment in buns and pie, but if these were not forthcoming he would deliberately walk to the farther end of the inclosure and turn his back. The only way to get a drawing of this big fellow was to engage some one to feed him meanwhile.

In the same gardens I saw an unusually interesting sight one morning. A little sun-bear with a large marrowbone in his shaggy paws was resorting to all sorts of bear devices to get the sweet-marrow. Suddenly he lay down on his back, placed one end of the bone in his jaws, and with his hind paws tipped the other end of the bone so high up that the choice morsel slipped into his mouth. If the animal could only have understood the shouts of approval that greeted this performance, I think it would have turned his head. In one of the sketches you will see how this feat was accomplished.

As a rule I find the models very good natured. True, they keep a sharp eye on me for the first few days, but after that are generally quite friendly. Of course, there are some parts of the business they do not like. The oriole never was happy when I held him in my hand for close inspection, but a beautiful cat which rebelled when I first placed her in a bird-cage—to keep her in front of me—grew so fond of being there, that after I finished my drawings she cried and cried to be put back into the cage.

Intense curiosity is the great characteristic of animals when in the studio. They are as much interested in you and the surroundings as you are in them. This is especially the case with birds. Leave the studio but a few minutes, and these two-legged fellows are hopping into everything. Of course they inspect the paper on which you have been drawing, and the paints, and the brushes, and occasionally vary these proceedings by taking a bath in the water-bowl.

SOAP BUBBLE SHOW.

A NEAT TRICK THAT IS ALWAYS PUZZLING TO OBSERVERS.

The most interesting trick is the soap bubble one. To perform this two cork figures must be made. They can be colored with bright paint. Fasten them with wire to a small cork stand.

The soap bubble mixture is important to prepare. For it you must shave a quantity of castile soap, perhaps half

of a teacup, and add to it a fourth of glycerin. Melt the soap in warm water before adding the glycerin.

This should make perhaps a pint of heavy, soapy water. Test the bubbles, and if you cannot blow them as large as the moon the mixture is not properly mixed. Soap bubble exhibitors often blow bubbles as large as three and four feet in diameter by the use of this mixture.

Take a short strip of wood (a foot rule will do) and drive a small nail into each end. Then stretch a thin string, or, better still, a piece of wire, from one nail to the other, and place a bridge under it so as to form a primitive musical instrument. Next nail to one end of the strip of wood the lid of a tin in such a manner that it touches the string or wire, and place the figure inside the lid after moistening it well with soap and water. Now take a straw and blow a bubble in the lid and then touch the string gently. The vibration of the latter will then be communicated to the lid, and the figures will dance inside the bubble.

A beautiful optical effect is thus obtained, and the delight of the audience is such that the bubble performer is kept busy all the evening with fresh creations. There are many variations of the soap bubble trick possible, and which will readily suggest themselves.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—Threatening weather and possibly showers to-night; probably fair, Thursday, easterly, shifting to westerly, winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, today:
7 a. m., 42°; 12 m., 52°; 5 p. m., 55°.

The Pope gives a new proof of his long-headedness and worldly wisdom when he says that "Cuba is already morally lost to Spain."

A London dispatch says that the European powers have resolved to compel Spain and the United States to do all their fighting in Cuba and Cuban waters. That's kind of European interference which we can well tolerate for it would bring the scene of action near our base of supplies and would be of distinct advantage to us.

Chairman Hull of the House Militia Committee, is preparing an amendment to the army organization bill, which meets with the approval of the militia, and which will do away with certain regulations and legal obstacles which stand in the way of the efficient employment of National Guard organizations in the military service of the United States.

No nation ever entered on a war more thoroughly united in its favor than are the United States in favor of a war with Spain. There is no peace party. Some citizens have doubted the necessity for and wisdom of attacking Spain, but they have had no spokesman in Congress, and now that war is here all are in favor of a fight to a finish and devoutly anxious that the conflict may be short, sharp and decisive as a result of glorious victories by the American forces on land and on sea.

Despite Spain's bluster it does not look as if she really meant to fight. When matters began to assume a serious form two of her cruisers steamed away from Havana and are now at Cape Verde, where the flotilla that sailed from Cadiz on March 13th still is. The rest of the Spanish navy is at Cadiz or scattered here and there about the world. She has practically abandoned Cuba and her other West Indian dependencies. There is apparently nothing to prevent our seizing them, or at least their points of strategic advantage, within a few hours or days after the time limit of the President's ultimatum has expired. Without an assured coal supply it would be folly for the Spanish fleet to cross to this side of the Atlantic. So long as we were having our own way in the West Indies there would be no occasion for us to go to Spain or Cape Verde in quest of the Spanish fleet, and barring the possibility of a few engagements in Cuba between our troops and the Spanish regulars and volunteers it really does not seem as if there was much chance for any real fighting. Spain's plan of campaign will probably be to adhere to her traditional practice of privateering, preying on our commerce and harassing us in a guerilla fashion, thus prolonging the so-called war indefinitely but avoiding so far as possible all real fighting.

HYMENEAL.

Hopper-Barton.

Rev. Frank A. Heath married George W. Hopper, Jr., a lieutenan on the Erie and Miss Pearl E. Barton, Tuesday night, at the home of the bride's mother, No. 69 Linden avenue.

The couple will reside with the bride's mother for the present, later removing to Bergen.

Brown-Decker.

The wedding of William D. Brown, son of Samuel C. Brown, of New Hampton, and Alice, daughter of J. Henry Decker, V. S., of Ridgebury, occurred at 2 o'clock, this afternoon, at the home of the bride, at Ridgebury.

Rev. Theron Brittan, of the Ridgebury Presbyterian Church, officiated. The wedding march was played by Miss Jennie Many. The bride, who was very attractively attired, was attended by Miss Mabel Remey, and the best man was Albert Slawson, of near Johnson.

A wedding supper was served and then the couple drove to this city and left for New York on Erie No. 2. On their return they will reside near New Hampton in a house fitted up by the groom.

Mr. Brown is well known in this city, having lived with his aunt, Mrs. Bailey B. Keeler, for a number of years. He was employed in the O. and W. shops for eight years. During his residence here he was a popular member of the 24th Company, and still retains membership in Monbinger Hose Company and the Firemen's Benefit and Relief Association.

The bride is a charming young woman who is deservedly popular in a large circle in the section in which she resides.

Carter Rowley's New Quartet

W. R. Rowley, the proprietor of "The Palm" restaurant, has rented the vacant store in the Times building and will shortly open it as a first-class restaurant and cafe.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

ACCOMMODATIONS WANTED FOR TEACHERS.

—NEW MACHINERY AT POCHUCK GRANITE WORKS—THREE MORE STONE BREAKERS—ARBOR DAY EXERCISES—A WEDDING, YESTERDAY—MISSING HORSE FOUND

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

ABOUT THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTORS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT AT THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE WHICH OPENS NEXT MONDAY. THE COMMITTEE WISHED TO SECURE A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF BOARDING PLACES. THOSE WHO CAN ACCOMMODATE BOARDERS SHOULD APPLY TO MISS ANNA FARRAND, MISS MINERVA MARKLEY OR MISS JULIA E. KANE.

—A NEW HOISTING APPARATUS, ENGINE AND BOILER WERE ERECTED AT THE POCHUCK GRANITE COMPANY'S WORKS, IN THIS VILLAGE, YESTERDAY.

—ERIC DETECTIVE FELDMAN, OF PERT JERVIS, BROUGHT TO GOSHEN, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, RICHARD SMITH, THOMAS ANDREWS AND WILLIAM H. MCCLURE, WHO HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO GOSHEN JAIL FOR FIFTEEN DAYS FOR DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE ERIC RAILROAD.

—THE CHILDREN OF THE GOSHEN SCHOOLS ARE PREPARING A PROGRAMME FOR THE ARBOR DAY EXERCISES ON MAY 6.

—THOMAS J. KANE, PROPRIETOR OF THE ARCADE HOTEL, AND MISS MARGARET RILEY WILL BE MARRIED AT 7 O'CLOCK, THIS EVENING, AT ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, CHESTER. M. J. DONOVAN, JR., WILL ACT AS BEST MAN.

—A HORSE AND WAGON BELONGING TO PATRICK POWERS WAS TAKEN, SATURDAY NIGHT, FROM THE SHED OF M. LANNIGAN. THE TURNOUT WAS FOUND, TUESDAY MORNING, ON THE UNOCCUPIED PROPERTY OF EX-SHERIFF ALEXANDER, WHERE IT HAD PROBABLY STRAYED.

MAY BE A MURDER.

BODY OF GEORGE CONKLING, A YOUNG MAN, FOUND IN THE ROAD IN THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, THIS MORNING—REASONS FOR SUSPECTING FAUL PLAY.

THE BODY OF GEORGE CONKLING, A FARM LABORER, ABOUT TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD, WAS FOUND, THIS MORNING, LYING IN THE ROAD, IN THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, THREE MILES FROM WESTTOWN.

THERE ARE CIRCUMSTANCES CONNECTED WITH THE YOUNG MAN'S DEATH WHICH GIVE RISE TO THE BELIEF THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF FOOL PLAY, AND A SEARCHING INVESTIGATION WILL BE MADE.

THE BODY WAS FOUND BY ALEX. LEE, OF GREENVILLE, WHO WAS ON HIS WAY TO THE CREAMERY WITH HIS MILK AT AN EARLY HOUR, THIS MORNING. HE RECOGNIZED THE BODY AS THAT OF CONKLING, AND SUMMONING HELP IT WAS CARRIED TO GEORGE GOBLE'S, THE NEAREST HOUSE.

ON REACHING WESTTOWN, MR. LEE SENT A TELEGRAM TO CORONER DECKER, NOTIFYING HIM OF THE FINDING OF THE BODY.

THERE WAS A DANCE, LAST NIGHT, IN AN OLD HOUSE ON THE MOUNTAIN, IN THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, WHICH CONKLING ATTENDED. IT IS SAID THAT AMONG THOSE WHO ATTENDED WERE SOME MEN WHOSE REPUTATIONS ARE NOT OF THE BEST, AND IT IS KNOWN THAT THERE WAS BAD BLOOD BETWEEN SOME OF THEM AND CONKLING.

CONKLING WAS IN PERFECT HEALTH, YESTERDAY.

ONE REPORT IS THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MARKS ON THE BODY, WHICH INDICATE THAT CONKLING HAD RECEIVED VERY SEVERE TREATMENT AT THE HANDS OF SOMEONE.

CONKLING WAS A MARRIED MAN.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE W. AND ELIZABETH MASTERS. FROM THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN.

A DISPATCH RECEIVED AT CAMPBELL HALL, FRIDAY, ANNOUNCED THE DEATH ON THURSDAY, AT RIVERSIDE, CAL., OF MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. MASTERS, WHO WERE RESIDENTS OF CAMPBELL HALL UNTIL ABOUT SEVEN YEARS AGO, WHEN THEY REMOVED TO RIVERSIDE. DEATH IN BOTH CASES WAS CAUSED BY AN ATTACK OF THE GRIPE. MR. MASTERS WAS SEVENTY-ONE YEARS OLD, HAVING CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY ON MARCH 16TH. MRS. MASTERS WAS TWO YEARS YOUNGER. FIVE OF THE SEVEN CHILDREN BORN TO THIS COUPLE SURVIVE THEM. THEY ARE: SIUS, OF RIVERSIDE; CHARLES, OF CHESTER, AND CRIST, AHEE AND JENNIE, WHO LIVED WITH THEIR PARENTS AT RIVERSIDE. A DAUGHTER, FLORA, DIED SHORTLY AFTER THE FAMILY REMOVED TO CALIFORNIA, AND A SON, DANIEL, IS BURIED IN THE FAMILY LOT AT WASHINGTON HILL.

MRS. MASTERS WAS, PRIOR TO HER MARRIAGE, MRS. ELIZABETH COMPTON, OF TURNERS. THEY WERE A MOST ESTIMABLE COUPLE AND HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN AND ABOUT CAMPBELL HALL, WHERE THE LARGER PORTION OF THEIR LIVES WERE SPENT. IN POLITICS MR. MASTERS WAS A DEMOCRAT.

UNDERTAKING FIRM DISSOLVED.

P. J. REILLY WITHDRAWNS FROM DOUGHERTY & REILLY TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS IN NEW YORK.

AS WILL BE SEEN BY REFERENCE TO THE ADVERTISING COLUMNS, THE UNDERTAKING FIRM OF DOUGHERTY & REILLY HAS BEEN DISSOLVED, AND MR. DOUGHERTY WILL CONTINUE THE BUSINESS.

MR. REILLY GOES TO NEW YORK CITY AND WILL OPEN UNDERTAKING ROOMS AT NO. 513 WEST 54TH STREET. HE BECOMES SEXTON OF ST. AMBROSE CHURCH, WHICH IS LOCATED NEXT DOOR, MAY 15.

MR. REILLY HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF FRIENDS IN THIS CITY WHO WILL WISH HIM SUCCESS IN HIS NEW LOCATION. HE IS A POPULAR MEMBER OF ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY, AND HE WAS TREASURER OF MCQUOID ENGINE COMPANY FOUR YEARS, RESIGNING IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS CHANGE. HE WAS BORN AT DENTON, AND HAS BEEN WITH MR. DOUGHERTY SIX YEARS, FOUR YEARS AS PARTNER.

EDWARD ROWLEY WITH COMPAGNIES. CASH CASHIER, SAME CONDITIONS PREVIOUS. NO. 26 MCCARTHY, DENTON, TEXAS.

BIRDS

MONNELL—In this city, April 18th, '98. Delphie Monnell, aged sixty-nine years, seven months, seventeen days.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon, at two o'clock from the residence of Chase E. Tyrell, No. 36 Smith street. Interment in Hillside Cemetery.

HYDE—In this city, April 18th, '98. William H. age forty-two years, three months, ten days.

Funeral services will be held from his late residence, No. 28 Grand Avenue, Thursday morning, at nine-thirty o'clock. Remains will be taken to Honesdale for interment on Erie train No. 9, at 11:25.

Friends not being able to attend the funeral can see the remains by calling at the house, Wednesday evening, between the hours of seven and nine.

WE OFFER SPECIAL ATTRAC-
TIONS IN SILKS.

SATIN DUCHESS \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50. SATIN LUXOR 89c, \$1, \$1.25 \$1.50. SILK AND WOOL BROCADES 50c. ALL SILK BROCADES, IN A WIDE RANGE OF STYLES, \$1. ARMURES, TAFFETAS AND INDIAS IN VARIOUS QUALITIES. SILK SHIRT WAISTS AT \$5. SILK PETTICOATS AT \$6.50. ARE YOU READY FOR PRINTED ORGANIES? WE SHOW A GREAT VARIETY. PRICES 25, 30, 35 AND 40 CENTS.

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One bale Brown Sheetings, fine quality, 4c per yard.

One case extra fine Bleached Muslin 5c per yard.

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Ten pieces fine Satines, new patterns, 10c per yard.

SWISS CURTAIN MUSLINS, LACE CURTAINS, SCRIMS, ETC., 6, 10, 12½ CENTS.

WINDOW SHADES, EXTRA HEAVY FRINGE, 25c. (NOT SECONDS.)

Five pieces TABLE LINEN 25c, extra value.

One case Jamestown Dress Goods, all new styles, 50 shades

The prettiest and best Dress Goods in the market.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20.

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EASY TERMS.****New Six-Room Cottage on
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PUBLIC NOTICE.

The Water Commissioners of the city of Middletown, having delivered to the Common Council of said city the following statement, to wit:

**STATE OF THE
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.
February 4th, 1898.**

To the honorable Common Council of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN.—The undersigned Board of Water Commissioners of the city of Middletown, N. Y., do hereby state that it is now required to require the expenditure of money for the enlargement and improvement of the water works of this city, for the purpose of supplying the city with pure water, and more of it.

The supply of water in the present reservoirs is insufficient to accomplish this purpose.

We therefore, in virtue of the power given us by title twelve, of the act incorporating the city of Middletown, submit the following statement in regard to such proposed increased supply of water and the probable cost of the same.

We propose to build a dam across the catch basin of the Shawangunk Kill, about one-half mile above the Hope mill pond, and carry the water through an open canal a distance of about 2½ miles to a point about 600 feet above the Mount Hope road, where it crosses the Little Shawangunk Kill stream; this being a suitable location for a new reservoir, which will be supplied from the present reservoir, which will be obtained by building a dam about 1½ miles farther down the Little Shawangunk Kill to an elevation not less than fifty feet above the low line of Monhaugen Lake. Said reservoir will cover about 110 acres, and will have a capacity of 100,000,000 gallons.

We propose to connect the new reservoir to Monhaugen Lake through a twenty-inch pipe, a distance of about eighteen thousand feet, also connect said pipe with the present city main, giving additional pressure for emergencies. We estimate the probable cost of the above to be one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000).

W. D. STRATTN, N.
F. O. TOMPKINS,
GEORGE W. WEST, Water Commissioners.
J. D. COOPER,
EDMUND MILLER.

And the said Common Council being of the opinion that the interests of the city require the expenditure of the sum of money specified in said statement for the objects and for the reasons so stated, forthwith.

NOTE.—THE PRECEDING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 22d day of April, 1898, a special election or appropriation meeting will be held at the Common Council rooms, Times Building, corner of King and Center streets, in said city of Middletown, New York, from two o'clock in the afternoon until six o'clock in the evening of that day, at which the question whether the said sum or sums specified in said statement will be raised or not will be submitted to the qualified voters for their determination.

Dated Middletown, New York, March 25th, 1898.
By order of the Common Council,
CHARLES THIBBETT, President
L. B. A. TAYLOR, City Clerk.

**Bids Wanted for 5,000 Railroad
Ties: 6 Inch by 8 Inch by 8 Feet.**

Ties to be subject to strict inspection, and to be of uniform quality. Bidders must be prepared to supply the rate of 100 each from the date that delivery is commenced. The right of rejecting all bids is reserved. Address

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—See dissolution notice Dougherty & Rolly.
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—North River boat at Greening's.
—Men's suits \$3.75 up at Chase, Wolf's Son's.
—Knee pants 25¢ at Budwig & Co.'s.
—Special sale of baby carriages at France & Hart's.
—Sweet collars 25¢ at John T. Ogden & Son's.
—Using girl wanted.
—Flower and garden seeds at Dayton's.
—Veal roasts cheap at Greening's.
—Hones for sale or to let.
—Dyspepsia cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.
—Calendula given with Fairy Soap.
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—Constipation cured by Cascarets.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—"A Contented Woman."
—Large catches of shad are now being made by Hudson River fishermen.

—Remember Hoyt's "A Contented Woman" at the Casino, Friday evening.

—"The Sporting Duchess" will be the drawing card at the Casino, next Tuesday evening.

—Auction sale of household furniture at 18 Roberts street, to-morrow afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

—At least 300 teachers are expected to attend the teachers' institute in Goshen, next week.

—A letter from former Water Commissioner Flinders, on the water question, is crowded out, to-day.

—"The Sporting Duchess," the metropolitan success, will be the attraction at the Casino, next Tuesday evening.

—Acting under instructions from Chief Higham, Phoenix will try its hand again at the cemetery pond, to-night.

—The suit of Birdeye Young against the Erie Railroad Company for the killing of a cow is being tried, to-day, at Binghamton.

—Joseph Spencer, of that part of Newburgh known as Pochuck, was sent to jail for ten days, Tuesday, for stealing a monkey wrench.

—"Kerry Gow," one of the most interesting of Irish dramas on the American stage, will be produced at the Casino Saturday evening.

—The Ladies Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, with Mrs. C. W. Martin, No. 7 Knapp avenue.

—It is suggested that a clime whistle be placed at the O. and W. shop to sound a fire alarm automatically instead of adding a new bell to the system.

—An old barn in the rear of the residence of A. T. Johnson, on Kingston avenue, Port Jervis, was destroyed by Monday night. The loss is not heavy.

—E. M. of Port Jervis, tells the Gazette that forty-one years ago at this time the Delaware and Neversink valleys were buried under two or three feet of snow.

—Driver Herrick, of the Middletown Body Company, collided with Expressman Fred Miles on James street, this morning, breaking a shaft of the latter's wagon.

—Miss Belle Archer who is credited with being one of the most beautiful women on the American stage, represents a contented woman, in Hoyt's "A Contented Woman" which will be produced at the Casino, Friday evening.

—A Paterson file cutter spoke of a woman as "fly bird." She sued him for slander, asking \$200 damages, but when the case was tried the judge decided that \$30 would make her reputation all right, once more.

PERSONAL.

—William Van Kleeck, of Montgomery, was in town, to-day.

—Dr. De Vesey has removed from 22 Highland avenue to 114 North street.

—Miss Fannie M. Corwin returned, to-day, from a seven weeks' visit at Albany.

—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cummings went to New York city, to-day, for a few days' visit.

—Mrs. Fred N. Boyd and Miss Adams went to Newburgh, to-day, for a few days' visit.

—Miss Otis, who has been visiting at her uncle's, Geo. C. Otis's, in this city, returned to her home at Orange, N. J., to-day.

—Dr. H. C. McBrain gave a clinic before the Odontological Society at the Academy of Medicine in New York City, Tuesday.

—Seekers after gold are often disappointed. Seekers after health take Hood's Sarsaparilla and find it meets every expectation.

—Mrs. Charles Miller, of Highland Mills, and daughter, Mrs. Wm. Birdsall, of Tuxedo, spent a few days, last week, with Mrs. Mary E. Miller, of East avenue.

—C. H. Farmer, the well known Northwestern Insurance man, of Port Jervis, is in town. He states that Mrs. Farmer, who has had charge of one of the wards at the State Hospital, will resign, and they will begin housekeeping at Port Jervis, next week. Mrs. Farmer will be missed at the State Hospital, where she has been highly esteemed for the past five years.

—To-day's Funeral Services.

The funeral of Mrs. Esther Uptegrove was held, this morning, Rev. Dr. Wilson officiating. The bearers were John N. Kellogg, James G. Harding, Robert Lawrence and W. H. Knapp.

The remains of George Briggs were brought to this city, to-day, from Binghamton for burial. Thomas A. of Scranton, and J. A., of Wilkes-Barre, accompanied them. Rev. Frank A. Heath conducted short services at the grave. The bearers were Henry Birthistle, B. B. Robshaw, Wm. Dawson and A. W. Reddish.

—DeWitt's White Hand Salve
Gum Pine, Sulphur, Sassafras.

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ULTIMATUM!**Three Days of Grace Given.****FOR VOLUNTEERS****Rushing Through a Bill at President's Request**

It Spain Does Not Make a Satisfactory Answer by That Time War Will Be Begun.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—It was announced at the White House at 11:30 a.m. that the ultimatum had been signed and set to Madrid.

Although the text of the document will not be made public till to-morrow, it is known that the President transmitted to the Spanish government a copy of the resolutions passed by Congress, which resolutions he stated he had signed, and he demands that Spain withdraw her army and navy forces from Cuban waters as required by the terms of the act of Congress.

No date for withdrawal is mentioned, but he states that if a satisfactory answer is not received before Saturday noon next, he will proceed at once to carry the resolutions of Congress into effect.

At 12 m. the House was notified that the President had approved the resolutions. The announcement was greeted with a tremendous outburst of applause.

TO CALL OUT VOLUNTEERS.

President Wants Much a Bill Passed Today and It Will Be Passed.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Chairman Full, of the House Military Affairs Committee, asked and received unanimous consent for the consideration of a bill authorizing the President to call out volunteers.

He said he had just received a message from the White House urging the necessity for the passage of the bill, to-day, and it will be passed, to-day.

The bill provides for 40,000 volunteers.

ASKS FOR HIS PASSPORTS.

The Spanish Minister Doesn't Delay After Receiving the Ultimatum.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, 11:20 a.m., April 20.—When Minister Polo received a copy of the ultimatum to Spain he handed the messenger his reply, with a request for his passport, as follows:

To Hon. John Sherman, Secretary of State of United States of America:

SPANISH LEGATION, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The re-election adopted by the Congress of America and approved, to-day, by the President, is of such a nature that my permanence in Washington becomes impossible and obliges me to request the delivery of my passports.

The bill provides for 40,000 volunteers.

Protection of Spanish interests will be intrusted to the French Ambassador and to the Austro-Hungarian Minister.

He said he had just received a message from the White House urging the necessity for the passage of the bill, to-day, and it will be passed, to-day.

The people at Nixon's may be justly proud of the recognition of the merits of their instruments by a gentleman so eminently well qualified to judge them.

The Intercollegiate Association's Annual Meet.

The officers of the Intercollegiate Association of Orange county met at Warwick, Saturday, and decided to hold the annual meet of the association on Remsen Park, Newburgh, June 12. The Middletown High School is a member of the association.

An X-Ray Hunt for a Bullet.

Frank Bookwitz, who was shot at East Branch two months ago, was brought to this city, to-day, and to-night at Ogden & Shim's pharmacy Dr. Mills will hunt for the bullet in his left side aided by the X rays.

Goods Damaged by Water.

Some one left a faint running on the second floor of L. Stern's building, and when the store beneath was opened, this morning, it was found that at least \$100 damage had been done goods on the counters and shelves.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—On the President's recommendation Secretary Gage has decided to ask Congress to authorize a popular loan of \$500,000,000.

Chairman Davis of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate was summoned to the White House, this morning, for consultation in regard to sending relief ships to Cuba. The President believes this course will cause Spain to fire the first shot.

MAY DISMISS WOODFORD.

Expected That Spain Will Give Him Passports Without His Asking.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Woodford will stay till he gets Spain's reply unless he gets his passports. Our government thinks Spain will give him his passports without his asking.

DON CARLOS LEAVES VENICE.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

VENICE, April 20.—Don Carlos, the pretender to the throne of Spain, accompanied by his private secretary, left here, last night.

EXTEND. April 20.—Don Carlos arrived here this morning.

SPURGEON'S TABERNACLE BURNED

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LONDON, April 20.—Spurgeon's Tabernacle, made famous by the preaching of the late Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, caught fire at noon to-day, and at 2 o'clock was entirely destroyed.

MINISTER WOODFORD PACKING UP

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MADEIRA, April 20.—Minister Woodford is preparing to leave Spain.

READY AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE

Important Orders Issued to the Army and Navy.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Important orders have been issued to the army and navy to be ready at a moment's notice.

ECONOMY STORE.

Special Sale of Samples!

Mens' White Laundered Shirt,

Fancy bosoms, 29c.

Men's Laundered Shirt,

Collar and cuff attached, 39c.

Men's Working Shirt,

Black, with white stripe, 25c.

Boys' Sweaters,

Black, navy, maroon, olive, fancy collar, 29c.

Corset Drive

To clear the lots.

9 corsets at 19c. each.

27 " were 50c., at 39c.

" 79c., 89c., \$1

at 69c.

9 summer corset at 21c.

16 " " 33c.

Not all sizes in this lot.

Kid Glove Clearance.

72 pair, nearly all sizes and colors, regular \$1

glove, at 69c.

Plaid Toweling.

Large squares for fancy work, 7½ yd.

36 inch fancy serin, 10c.

Tinsel Drapery.

Good colors, 7½.

Table Linens.

R ductions that count.

Regular 40c., value now 32c.

" 40c., " 36c.

" 50c., " 38c.

Red Damask.

19c reduced to 15c.

25c " 19c.

15c " 10c.

Extra Value, Men's Shirts.

New York mills muslin, linen bosoms, waistbands, neckbands reinforced, double stitched, value much more than our price,

48c.

G. P. LATHROP DEAD.

Well Known Author Dies at Roosevelt Hospital.

HIS WIFE WITH HIM AT THE END.

Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop Had Been Separated, but When She Heard He Was Dying She Hastened to His Bedside.

NEW YORK, April 20.—George Parsons Lathrop, essayist and novelist, died yesterday in Roosevelt hospital. All facts concerning his fatal illness were kept secret, but it is known that his wife, Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne, whose separation from him in the fall of 1896 caused much comment, was with him at the end.

Mr. Lathrop was taken to the hospital on Saturday. He had been making his home in this city for a considerable time. Mrs. Lathrop, who has been busy in the prosecution of her charitable work among the poor of this city, was informed of the critical nature of his illness and hurried to his bedside. The patient grew steadily worse and died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Lathrop was born in Oahu, Sandwich Islands, on Aug. 25, 1851. He was educated in New York and in Dresden, and from 1875 to 1877 was connected editorially with the Atlantic Monthly.

He was with a Boston newspaper from 1877 to 1879. He had been previously married Miss Hawthorne, and in 1876 published "A Study of Hawthorne." In 1879 he took up his home at Wayside, Hawthorne's old home, in Concord, Mass.

Among his publications were a book of verse, "Rose and Roof-tree," "Afterglow," "An Echo of Passion," "Spanish Visas," "Gettysburg," a littleode, "Would You Kill Him?" and "Dreams and Days."

Nearly five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop caused comment all over the country by leaving the Unitarian church and joining the Roman Catholic church. Then in the fall of 1896 came the news of their domestic trouble.

It is said that the rule of the Catholic church which disownances divorce was all that prevented Mrs. Lathrop from applying to the courts for a separation. Neither would make public any reason for their disagreement further than that they could not agree to the extent to which Mrs. Lathrop should devote herself to her charitable schemes, one of which, the establishment of a cancer hospital, she has already accomplished. She has her hospital in stores.

Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop had a beautiful home in New London filled with treasures of art and literature, and it often sheltered the bearers of famous names. They were hospitable people, though Mrs. Lathrop never was so fond of society and of entertaining as her husband. They moved to New London from Concord, Mass. Mr. Lathrop was a member of the Thames club, a social organization of New London. He was at one time president of the club. He was also a member of the Players, Authors' and the Reform clubs of this city and of the Sons of the Revolution.

A CLEVER SWINDLER.

Boston Leather Man Accused of Beating Twenty Banks—Stole \$302,000.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The grand jury yesterday, upon the evidence of former Mayor Strong and several clerks of the Central National bank, found an indictment for grand larceny against George P. White, a wholesale leather merchant of Boston.

White has been doing business for several years on his father's reputation. The firm name was William S. White & Co. of Boston. Their tanneries were at Hyndman, Pa. White has in the last five years, it is said, through a series of swindles, secured \$302,000 from 20 banks in New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

White first appeared in New York in 1893 and called upon former Mayor Strong, who was president of the Central National bank. He told Colonel Strong that he intended to go into business in this city and that he would like to get a financial rating. He said that he had valuable properties in Boston and in Pennsylvania which were unincumbered and upon which he would like to get a loan of money. White then deposited a small amount of money and upon his statement of his property in Pennsylvania secured a loan of \$10,000.

Then a series of notes were put through the bank, but the deposit that had been made by White had all been drawn out. According to the complaint White kept working his "system" for nearly a year, at the close of which time the Central National bank found that it had lost through its customer \$19,595.93. Nothing more was heard of White for some time, it is said.

Other banks in this city, in conference, told of dealings with a man named White. The result was that it was found that White had had under similar pretensions secured some \$20,000 from each of the three other banks.

It was said at the district attorney's office that the prisoner's operations had not been confined to the three cities named, but had been traced as far west as Chicago. He was considered, when he first appeared in New York, a reputable business man, in business with his brother, John, to conduct the concern founded by their father some years ago.

The Boston Elevator Fire.

BOSTON, April 20.—The exact contents of the Hoosac Tunnel dock elevator at the time of the fire last Sunday has been given by the underwriters insuring the risk as 5,000 bushels of oats, 100,000 bushels of corn and 205,000 bushels of wheat. Wheat at the time of the fire was quoted at \$1.12, corn 35 cents and oats 35 cents, so that the value of the burned grain was about \$262,500. The insurance was placed in Boston and was \$200,000, and there is said to be marine insurance placed in the west.

Hamburg Canal Bill Signed.

ALBANY, April 20.—Governor Black has signed Senator Ulm's bill ceding the Hamburg canal to the city of Buffalo.

New Concentrator Burned.

WALLACE, Idaho, April 20.—The concentrator of the Morning mine here has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$10,000.

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PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

Regular Spring Meeting in Port Jervis
Officers Elected—Other Business.
Special Correspondent ARGUS and MERCURY.

The spring meeting of the Presbytery of Hudson in Port Jervis opened, Monday evening, with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. S. E. Erskine, of Thompson Ridge.

Rev. W. M. Yeomans, of Unionville, was chosen Moderator. The other officers are: Stated Clerk, Dr. David F. Bonner, of Florida, N. Y.; Revs. R. H. Craig, of Amity, and L. O. Rotenbach, of Stony Point, Temporary Clerks.

The Standing Committees appointed, Tuesday morning, are: On Assessments—Rev. E. F. Pierson, Chairman, F. B. Post and Martin E. Lee. Minutes of Synod—Rev. John W. Keller, Chairman, Rev. John H. Jenison, Jos. Herron, Stephen L. Strong. Place of Next Meeting—Rev. G. E. Gillespie, Chairman, Rev. Lewis O. Rotenbach, Charles L. Jessup and John R. Tryon.

Tuesday morning, after devotional exercises, reports were submitted and discussed, and at noon the visiting clergymen partook of a dinner served in the basement of the church by the Ladies' Aid Society.

The following were invited to sit as corresponding members: Rev. T. H. McKenzie, pastor of Port Jervis Reformed Church, and his father, Rev. W. A. McKenzie, of the Presbytery of Argyle; Rev. S. W. Mills, D. D., of Classis of Orange; Rev. W. M. Covert, of Presbytery of Blairsville, and Rev. Mr. Chadwick, of Port Jervis M. E. Church.

Rev. B. F. Parliman was received from the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Rev. Robt. H. Herron from the Presbytery of New York, and Wm. C. Brown, now laboring among the colored people of Goshen, from the Presbytery of Chester.

Rev. Mr. Parliman accepted a call from Haverstraw First Church and arrangements were made for his installation May 24th.

Rev. R. H. Herron accepted a call from Nyack church and arrangements were made for his installation April 29th.

Presbytery voted an adjourned meeting at Montgomery, May 25th, at 1:30 p. m., for the installation of a pastor over Montgomery church.

An interesting letter was read from Rev. Geo. A. Ford, a member of our Presbytery laboring in Syria.

Rev. James C. Coleman, a licentiate of this Presbytery, was ordained as an evangelist, he having a chaplaincy in the U. S. Navy in view.

The following were appointed delegates to the Missionary Congress of the Synod of New York, to be held at Auburn, June 7-9: Revs. Perrine, of Monticello; Harlow, of Nyack; John Gilmor, of Congers; Klose, of Cochecton; Leeper, of Greenbush; Bonner, of Florida, and Elders E. F. Pierson, of Florida, and Wm. Mitchell, of Milford.

The unusual number of deaths of members of Presbytery during the last six months was touchingly presented by Rev. Dr. Freeman in his necrological report, including Rev. John A. Davis, D. D., pastor of Nyack Church; Rev. James C. Forsythe, pastor of Montgomery Church; Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, pastor of Washingtonville Church, and Rev. Dr. McLeod, who so recently died at Florida.

Brothers Luther Littell, of Mount Hope, and John J. McMahon, of Haverstraw, were sympathetically remembered in their present invalid condition.

The overtone sent down from the General Assembly on the powers of the Church Session was answered in the affirmative. That on deacons and the temporal affairs of the Church was answered in the negative.

Monroe was chosen as the place of the next stated meeting in September.

Commissioners to the coming meeting of the General Assembly in May, at Winona, Ind., were elected as follows: Rev. Thomas B. Thomas, of Monroe, and Rev. J. S. Erskine, of Hopewell, with Elders E. F. Pierson, of Ramapo, and H. D. Thompson, of Goshen.

The alternatives are Rev. George E. Gillespie, of Port Jervis, and Rev. L. O. Rotenbach, of Stony Point, with Elders William Puff, of Scotchtown, and Lynn Roy, of Amity.

The Committee on Home Missions reported on churches receiving aid. The Presbytery resolved to undertake the support of its own churches now receiving aid and measures were adopted to that end.

Tuesday evening the Presbytery had the delightful privilege of an address by Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., President of Union Theological Seminary, on the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the standards of the Presbyterian Church in Westminster Abbey.

The Presbytery was delighted with the reception given it by the Port Jervis Church, and cheered by the evidences of its prosperity in its improved audience room and its cordial support and esteem of its pastor, Rev. George E. Gillespie.

SPECIAL MEETING OF LANCELOT LODGE, K. OR P.

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DeWitt's Little Library.

WORKING WOMEN WHO SUFFER.

Should Get Mrs. Pinkham's Advice—The Whole Truth can be Told to her Because she is a Woman.

The suffering and pain endured by some working women is almost past belief. Here is a letter from one of the multitude of women who have been restored to health and usefulness by Mrs. Pinkham's advice and medicine:

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel as though your advice had lifted me from the grave. I must have been very near it. I suffered terribly at time of menstruation, was constantly troubled with cold hands and feet, was extremely nervous, could not sleep well, was troubled with frightened dreams, had heart trouble and a feeling as though my breath was going to stop, also had leucorrhœa. I tried to get help but all remedies failed, until I wrote to you. I cannot thank you enough for your kind advice, and I wish to tell everyone the great good your remedies have done me.—TAMMA C. HOOVER, Wolfville, Md.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for a quarter of a century has been helping women to be strong and well.

The following statement from Miss H. PATTERSON, of 2531 Lawrence St., Philadelphia, Pa., should interest all working women who are troubled with female complaints:

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I must write and tell what your medicine has done for me. I am a working girl and have to stay at my work all day. I suffered greatly with bearing-down pains and backache. I was advised by a friend to try your Vegetable Compound. I did so and can say positively I am cured. I have recommended your medicine to all my lady friends, and would advise any of my sex suffering from female weakness to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound a trial, for I know it will cure."

Mrs. Pinkham invites all women troubled about their health to write to her at Lynn, Mass., and secure her advice free of all charge. All such letters are seen and answered by women only.

ASK MRS. PINKHAM'S ADVICE—A WOMAN BEST UNDERSTANDS A WOMAN'S ILLS

THE TRAINMEN'S BALL.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, TUESDAY EVENING.

The sixth annual ball of Middletown Lodge, No. 40, B. of R. R. T., was held at the Assembly Rooms, Tuesday night, and was well attended and had a good time. Music was by Berg's orchestra. The committees were as follows:

Arrangements—J. M. Wilson, chairman; P. R. Knoll, F. B. Ayres, A. B. Carpenter, G. E. Griffis.

Flo—J. M. Wilson, chairman; A. B. Carpenter, F. B. Ayres, P. J. Fallon, M. Latane.

Reception—M. J. Doran, chairman; C. L. Col, C. C. Prime, A. Horton, C. E. Duccio.

The O. and W. Silver Band rendered several selections with good effect, and increased their popularity by this, their second appearance. Supper was served at Rowley's.

UNDERTAKER OSTERHOUT IN NEW QUARTERS.

I. D. Osterhout, the undertaker, has leased the store in the Isman building, on James street, and will remove from his present location on North street, as soon as the necessary improvements and alterations in the new quarters are completed.

Mr. Osterhout has been engaged in the undertaking business for several years and his careful and painstaking methods of conducting funerals have won for him an increasing patronage.

REFUSED TO CONFIRM MAYOR ODELL'S NOMINATION FOR SUPERVISOR.

Mayor Odell, of Newburgh, Tuesday night, nominated James Todd to succeed the late J. M. Wilson as supervisor of the First Ward. The Council refused to confirm the nomination, only four votes having been cast for it and seven being necessary.

HAS RECOVERED FROM HIS INJURIES.

Valentine Powell, who received a bad squeeze between cuts at Norwich, a fortnight ago, has recovered sufficiently to resume his work and will do so to-morrow. He considers this accident the closest shave he has had in his more than a dozen years of railroading.

SEPOFULA IS SNAKE-LIKE

in its subtlety. It lies hidden for years in the ambush of the blood, and when it strikes it voids its venom alike on strength and beauty, disfiguring the one and undermining the other.

AYER'S SAPSAPARILLA

is a specific for scrofula in its worst and most malignant forms. Scrofula is a blood disease. Ayer's Sapsaparilla is a blood purifying medicine. Mineral medicines only drive scrofula below the surface. Dr. J. C. Ayer's Sapsaparilla is a vegetable remedy and it eradicates the disease. There is no remedy for scrofula equal to Ayer's Sapsaparilla.

I was cured of a long-standing case of scrofula by Dr. J. C. Ayer's Sapsaparilla. The disease first manifested itself when I was a child, by breaking out in red blotches all over my body. I was not free from the trouble till I took several bottles of Ayer's Sapsaparilla. That effected a permanent cure.—Mrs. E. H. STODDARD, Laingsburg, Pa.

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